

Michael's Mill
Buckeystown
Private

C. 1824

Michael's Mill is a banked six story, stone, brick and wood building set on the side of a steep rocky hill along the Monocacy River just east of Buckeystown. The lower three stories are constructed of locally quarried stone; the fourth story of brick, and the top stories of wood. On the riverside, all four upper stories are made of wood in order to cut the vibration and noise of the mill's machinery. The building still contains much of the significant power and milling equipment which was commercially manufactured before 1892. The original power source was an overshot waterwheel which was later replaced by three iron turbines; two of which are still on the site.

As early as 1739, a mill was built by Meredith Davis Sr. in the vicinity of Michael's Mill. It was one of over eighty gust mills which were operating on the Monocacy River in 1791.

Upon the death of Meredith Davis, Sr., the mill was willed to his son, Ignatius, who owned the mill until 1825, when it was sold for \$25,000 to Christian Kemp and Daniel Buckey. By 1842, the mill had developed into a very profitable business under the supervision of Thomas Jyers, David Bready, and Ezekiel C. Wysham. Connected with the mill was a sawmill, three stone dwellings, one log dwelling, log stable, frame cooper shop and two large warehouses. Although the mill was subjected to fire in 1855 and 1858, by 1860 the census estimated production at \$81,580. The mill operated until 1957 under the management of Leo Michael whose daughter still owns the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Michael's Mill (Monocacy Mills)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER On the north side of Old Route 80, once Fingerboard Road, one mile east of Buckeystown on the Monocacy River.

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Jerome Crewe

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box #103

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

F-1-77

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A banked six-story stone, brick, and wood building set on the side of a steep rocky hill along the Monocacy River. The lower three stories are constructed of locally quarried stone; the fourth story of brick, and the top stories of wood. On the riverside, all four upper stories are made of wood in order to cut the vibration and noise of the mill's machinery. Entrance to the mill was off of the road on the fourth floor. On the east side of the building there are three doors for pickup and delivery. The building still contains most of the significant power and milling equipment. Virtually all machinery was commercially manufactured with the most recent dated 1892. The original power source was an overshot waterwheel which was later replaced by three iron turbines; two are still on the site. Water for the turbines was supplied from a masonry dam, originally constructed under the supervision of the Potomack Company. There is some question as to the date of the present dam, most of which is still intact.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1824

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A mill was built before 1739, on a 450 acre plot of land owned by Meredith Davis, Sr. who gave it to his son, Meredith Davis, Jr. He leased the mill on September 11, 1739 to William Mathews. Because the system of roads was too poor to support a commercial mill at this time, it must have been used by the owner for his own private use. However, by 1791 there were over eighty grist mills on the Monocacy. These mills played an important part in the economic and social life of the region. When Meredith Davis, Jr. died, the mill passed into the hands of his son, Ignatius, and Charles who was either a son or brother. Charles sold his share to Ignatius, who in 1794 discovered that he did not own the land on which the mill was built and so had to buy four acres from William Tannehill. On June 10, 1825, the mill was sold for \$25,000 to Christian Kemp and Daniel Buckey. The Kemp family share of the mill was left to Buckey about 1839. Buckey sold the Kemp interest to Thomas J. Myers, David Bready, and Ezekiel C. Wysham and in 1842 sold his share to the three partners. In 1846, Myers bought Wysham's share and along with Bready developed the mill into a strong business. The 1850 census shows the mill was worth \$20,000. Connected with the mill were a sawmill, three stone dwellings, one log dwelling, log stable, frame copper shop, and two large warehouses, one at the Buckeystown depot of the B&O Railroad, and another at Noland's Ferry on the C&O Canal. In 1851 Myers died and Theodore C. Delaplaine purchased his share and later bought out Bready. In 1855 and 1858 the mill was set afire, supposedly by a slave who held a grudge against her owner. The mill prospered under Delaplaine's ownership and was valued at \$27,000 in the 1860 census with a production valued at \$81,580. Flour from the mill was used by both sides during the Civil War. The ownership of the mill subsequently changed hands several times until 1909 when it was managed by Leo Michael who operated the mill until 1957. The mill was then mainly used to clean seed wheat and grind cattle feed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A paper by Michael W. Robbins of the Smithsonian Institution, June 1968.

Historic Sites Survey of Western Frederick County and Montgomery County,
Sugarloaf Regional Trails.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

6/19/78

STREET & NUMBER

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

663-8300 ext 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Michael's Mill (includes mill, manor house, slave quarters)				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Monocacy Mills (Name of entire estate)				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: On route 80, on Monocacy River, 1 mile off Route 85 east of				
CITY OR TOWN: Buckeystown				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Frederick		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment				
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum				
<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Jerome J. and Mildred M. Crews				
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 103				
CITY OR TOWN: Buckeystown		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Frederick County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: Court Square				
CITY OR TOWN: Frederick		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 549 525				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: F-1-10				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	Mill-Fair House-Good		(Check One) slave quarters-fair			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mill - Built of local stone, 6 stories high (plus flume), directly on Monocacy River. Has 66-ft. long pine beam. Top two stories are of wooden construction. Entrance level has stone front and brick sides. Four top floors at rear are wooden construction. Side windows from street level down are arched.

Land - 11.502 acres, hilly, with about four acres flat land along Monocacy River

Manor House - was built by 1839, addition 1851, second addition completed before 1874. First floor has four rooms with roofed paved area connecting manor house to three-room stone structure, forming a high-ceilinged utility room. The "cellar" rooms lie behind the first floor, dug into the hillside. All outer walls are 22" Interior walls at additions are also 22".

Slave Quarters - First floor has 22" wide stone foundation and walls. two rooms. Second floor is log construction. Two rooms. Third floor has two rooms, with sloping ceilings.

Manor House (cont'd.) Second floor has 5 rooms and 2 baths. Third floor has 3 rooms, and no baths. Stairway has handsome, substantial walnut newel post and rail with oak post. Second floor parlor (24½ x 17½) has numerous original paintings by Gertrude Steiner and many lovely antiques. Throughout the house are other paintings by Gertrude Steiner. All are exquisitely framed in the latter 19th century tradition.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Mill-late 1700's House by 1339 Added to

1351-
1374

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasaphy | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mill operated 1739 to 1957. One of earliest mills in Freder-
ick County and Western Maryland.
Reasonably well preserved.
100 barrels of flour produced daily.
In May 1968 Michael W. Robbins, as research project for
Smithsonian Institute, prepared schematic (diagram) plans with
dimensions.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Grove, Wz. J.

History of Carrollton Manor

Shaw, Mary

unpublished research paper entitled
"Monocacy Mills" (Frederick Historical
Society)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 11.502 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Mary Margrabe and Ann Lebherz

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, Inc.

DATE

Aug. 2, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

Rose Hill Manor North Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Frederick

STATE

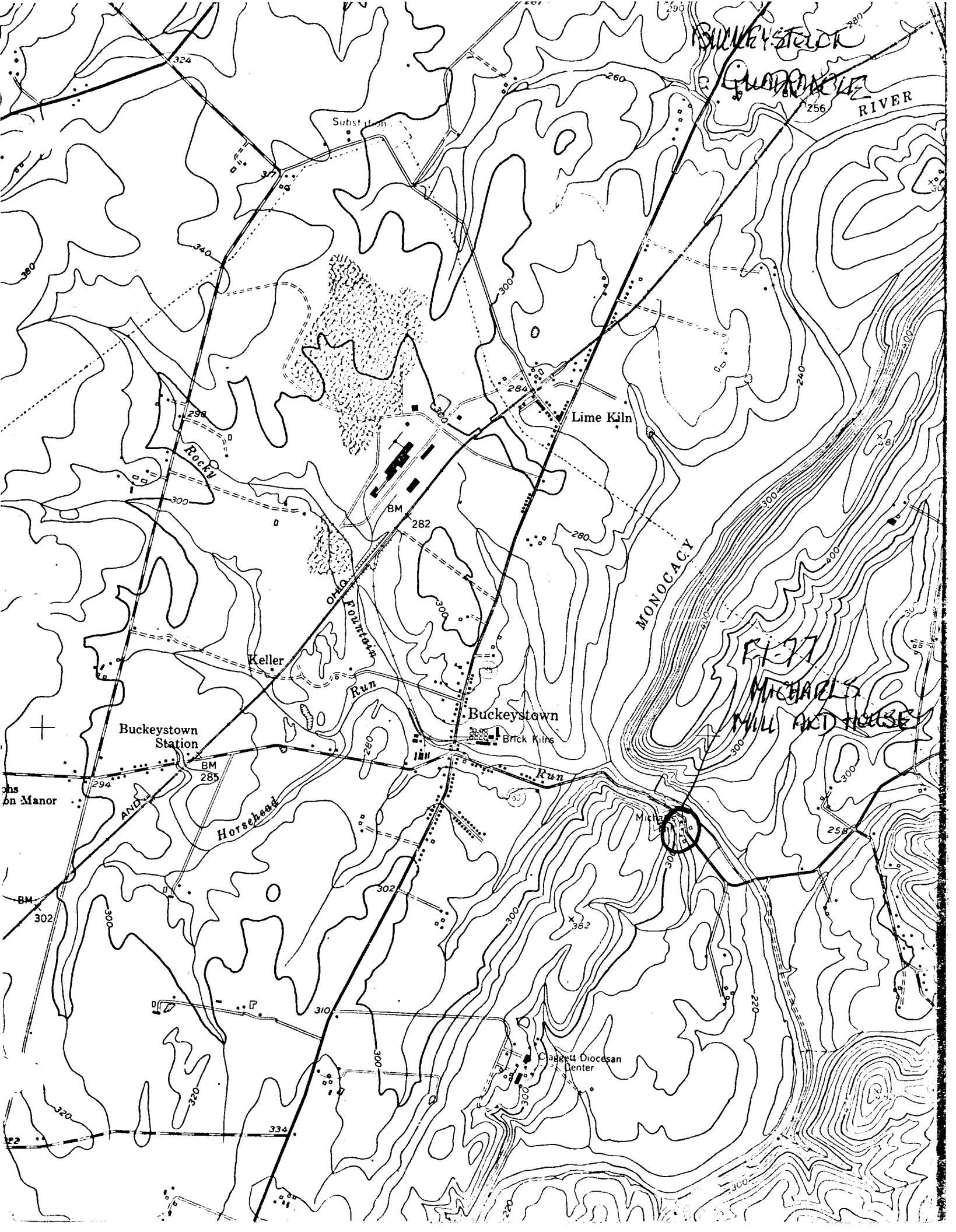
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature





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MICHAELS MILL AND
HOUSE

3/3 MICHAELS MILL RD
CEL 6/79

SOUTH / HOUSE



F-1-77 Michaels Millard
HOUSE

S/S MICHAELS MILL RD

CEN 6/79

HOUSE / N. ELEVATION



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MICHAELS MILL AND
HOUSE

3/3 MICHAELS MILL RD

CRN 6/79

SOUTH EAST / MILL